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SUBJECT: MALI AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM SHOT DEAD

1. ALIOUNDE SISSOKO, MALI'S AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM AND CHIEF OF THE MALIAN MISSION TO EC SINCE 1969, WAS SHOT DEAD IN HIS OFFICE JUNE 18 BY HIS CHAUFFEUR, A MALIAN NATIONAL NAMED QUAITA KALIFFA. THE KILLER IMMEDIATELY TURNED HIS WEAPON, A HUNTING RIFLE, ON HIMSELF.

HE DIED EN ROUTE TO HOSPITAL.

2. ACCORDING TO MALIAN EMBASSY STAFF, KALIFFA ROUTINELY ENTERED CHANCERY SHORTLY BEFORE NOON. NO ONE NOTICED HE CARRIED A GUN AS HE ENTERED AMBASSADOR'S OFFICE. SHOTS WERE HEARD SHORTLY THEREAFTER. STAFF RUSHED INTO OFFICE TO FIND AMBASSADOR DYING AND WITNESS KALIFFA SHOT HIMSELF IN ABDOMEN. POLICE AND EMBASSY STAFF TOLD PRESS THERE APPEARED TO BE NO POLITICAL MOTIVE IN THE ASSAULT. ONE ACCOUNT, PRESUMABLY AUTHORITATIVE, SAID CHAUFFEUR HAD BEEN DISTRESSED TO LEARN HE WAS TO BE TRANSFERRED BACK TO MALI.

3. SISSOKO, 52 YEAR OLD, ONE OF SENIOR AFRICAN AMBASSADORS IN BRUSSELS. AS SUCH HE PLAYED LEADING ROLE IN NEGOTIATION OF LOME CONVENTION.

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